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# DONALD MACLEAN OF SPY FAME DIES

Briton Who Fled in 1951 After  
Betraying Atomic Secrets  
Is Cremated in Soviet

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MOSCOW, March 11 — Donald Maclean, the British diplomat who defected here in 1951 after betraying United States atomic secrets, was cremated here today after a brief funeral service at which he was eulogized as a "faithful son and citizen" of the Soviet Union.

The civil ceremony at a crematorium attached to the 16th-century Donskoy Monastery followed within hours the announcement of Mr. Maclean's death at the age of 69.

Colleagues at the Moscow institute where he had worked as an analyst of British affairs told Western reporters that he had died Sunday, apparently at the comfortable apartment near the Moscow River where he had lived alone in recent years.

An official announcement in the evening edition of *Izvestia*, the Government newspaper, gave no cause of death, but it was known that the former diplomat had been ill for some time, apparently with prostate trouble.

## Recruited at Cambridge

The *Izvestia* item made no reference to Mr. Maclean's work as a spy for the Soviet Union, which began with his recruitment at Cambridge University in the 1930's and culminated in the period from 1945 to 1949 when, as a first secretary at the British Embassy in Washington, he was assigned to a liaison committee dealing with atomic secrets.

*Izvestia's* four-paragraph obituary spoke only of his having served "lofty ideals of social progress and humanism, peace and international co-operation" and of his having been "a man of great moral qualities, a dedicated Communist and a warmhearted comrade."

His death left only one of a trio of Cambridge-educated diplomats who defected here in the same spy scandal, E. A. R. (Kim) Philby, still alive. Guy Burgess, who served with Mr. Maclean in Washington and joined him in his hurried flight from Britain aboard a Channel ferry in 1951, died here as an alcoholic in 1963.

Mr. Philby, who escaped exposure as the "third man" in the affair for a dozen years before defecting, is believed to be in semiretirement from a senior counterintelligence post at the K.G.B., the Soviet intelligence and security apparatus.

## Philby Not at Ceremony

Mr. Philby, who lived here for some time with Mr. Maclean's wife, Melinda, after she had separated from her husband, was not among the mourners at today's ceremony.

The funeral was typical of that accorded middle-level Soviet officials, but somewhat more perfunctory than that for Mr. Burgess.

On that occasion, in the same crematorium, a band played the Internationale and Mr. Maclean pronounced one of several orations. At today's ceremony, music was provided by an organist who kept his overcoat on while playing a Bach dirge, and the only oration was provided by an unidentified woman who spoke briefly in Russian, calling Mr. Maclean "a dear and very close man" and asking for a minute's silence.

A gathering of about 150 people, including a group of Western reporters, attended the 15-minute ceremony. Most of the others appeared to be Soviet officials and their wives, none of particularly high rank, some of whom dropped flowers on the red and black-draped coffin at the end.

The eulogy was addressed to Mr. Maclean's "family and friends," but reporters were unable to confirm that any of his close relatives were present.

An earlier memorial meeting at the Institute of World Economics and International Relations, where Mr. Maclean had worked since 1951, was closed to the reporters. It ended with the coffin being carried into the street behind a man bearing a portrait of Mr. Maclean and three others carrying his Soviet medals atop red velvet cushions.

The coffin was placed aboard an aging bus of the kind that does duty here as a hearse and was driven the short distance to the crematorium followed by three busloads of mourners. Officials declined to say where the ashes would be interred. In Mr. Burgess's case, they were returned to England for burial alongside his father in a country churchyard.